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1. WE CAUTIONED HAIDER IN PM'S SECRETARIAT SEVERAL WEEKS AGO THAT OUR CONCERN WAS WHETHER POLICY DECISIONS TAKEN IN DELHI WILL ACTUALLY BE ACTED UPON IN WEST BENGAL IN VIEW OF MOMENTUM ESTABLISHED OVER LAST TWO YEARS. WE THINK IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP THE PRESSURE ON THE PROSECUTION AUTHORITIES IN WEST BENGAL AND IF THE LAWYERS FOR H/F AND YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE CONTINUES TO BE "FOOT-DRAGGING" AND RESISTANCE TO CHANGING THE CHARGES, LET US KNOW PROMPTLY SO WE CAN GO BACK TO HAIDER HERE.

2. GIVEN THE TUGID PACE OF THE GOWB AND THE FACT THAT HAIDER AND THE HOME MINISTRY HERE HAVE TOLD US THAT THIS IS ALL NEW GROUND WHICH HAS SCARCELY BEEN TROD BEFORE, WE WOULD THINK THAT ANOTHER WEEK OR SO MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE WEST BENGAL AUTHORITIES TO SORT OUT THEIR THOUGHTS. OR APPEAL. BUT WITH THE THIRD YEAR OF DETENTION OF HARCOS AND FLETCHER ABOUT TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK, YOU HAVE GOOD GROUNDS FOR EXPRESSING SOME IMPATIENCE IF THE DELAY GOES BEYOND THAT. PERHAPS THIS IS ONE SUBJECT KREISBERG CAN RAISE WITH CHIEF SECRETARY OR HOME SECRETARY WHEN HE IS IN CALCUTTA APRIL 21-22.

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